(b) if so, whether the locations have been identified by Government;

(c) if so, the details of locations identified in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what is the anticipated power that is going to be generated through the proposed coastal power stations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Development of coastal power projects has been identified as a thrust area as these sites can have easy accessibility to imported coal and availability of abundant sea water for cooling purposes in the power projects. In the regional meetings held with the States, all the coastal States including, Andhra Pradesh have been asked to draw up an action plan for development of coastal power projects.

Supply of gas to Dabhol Power Plant

2372. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issues related to the supply of gas to the Dabhol Power Plant have been sorted out;

(b) if so, what are the gas requirements of the plant, and how the supply is to be assured; and

(c) if so, what arrangements have been arrived at in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) The power plant requires about 2.12 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) (0.7MMTPA for each of the 3 power blocks) gas from July, 2006. M/s GAIL (India) Ltd. (GAIL) are holding 28% equity in Ratnagiri Gas & Power Private Ltd., (RGPPL), *i.e.* the project Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) incorporated to acquire, revive, complete and restart the Dabhol plant. GAIL have also been entrusted with the responsibility of securing supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for the power plant RGPPL. GAIL is in negotiation with prospective LNG suppliers for tying up the required supplies.